



**STAFF REPORT  
ACTION REQUIRED**

**Temporary Road Closings of Old Weston Road, South of Junction Road, and Monarch Road**

<b>Date:</b>	May 9, 2008
<b>To:</b>	Etobicoke York Community Council
<b>From:</b>	Director, Transportation Services Division – Etobicoke York District
<b>Wards:</b>	Ward 11 - York South-Weston
<b>Reference Number:</b>	p:\2008\Cluster B\TRA\EtobicokeYork\eycc080075-to – AFS7735

**SUMMARY**

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This report concerns a matter that Community Council has delegated authority from City Council to make a final decision.

The purpose of this report is to request Community Council’s approval to temporarily close Monarch Road and Old Weston Road, between Junction Road and the Canadian Pacific Railway (CPR). Both roads are unimproved public highways under the City’s jurisdiction.

These road closings are necessary to accommodate GO Transit’s (GO) construction of the West Toronto Diamond rail-to-rail grade separation project. These rights-of-way will accommodate construction staging and material storage during the construction period. GO advises that they expect to start construction on October 1, 2008, and that construction may last for as long as four years.

To accommodate the permanent installation of a storm water detention pond within a portion of the Old Weston Road right-of-way, GO is negotiating the purchase of a portion of Old Weston Road from the City of Toronto; a process expected to be completed before GO finishes the grade separation.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

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Transportation Services recommends that Etobicoke York Community Council approve:

1. Authorizing the temporary closing to vehicle and pedestrian traffic for the section of Old Weston Road, between Junction Road and a point 169m south of Junction Road, and Monarch Road, for a period of 48 consecutive months starting on 1 October 2008, any such closing to last no longer than October 1, 2012.
2. Maintaining vehicle access from Junction Road to the West Toronto Pumping Station on the east side of Old Weston Road at all times.
3. GO Transit's responsibility for all costs associated with these road closings, including restoring the Old Weston Road and Monarch Road rights-of-way to a standard equal to or better than existing conditions following completion of the Old Weston Road/Junction Road rail-to-rail grade separation.

### **Financial Impact**

There are no financial impacts associated with these temporary road closings.

### **ISSUE BACKGROUND**

GO received environmental assessment approval in 2005 to construct a rail-to-rail grade separation of the CN/CPR corridor at Junction Road/Old Weston Road, and expects to start construction on October 1, 2008. GO held a public information session on the project at St. Josaphat School, 55 Pelham Avenue, on September 28, 2004.

GO requires construction access to the Canadian National/Canadian Pacific Railway corridor from Old Weston Road, south of Junction Road. They also propose to permanently locate a storm water detention pond within the Old Weston Road right-of-way (Attachment No. 1). This requires that GO purchase a portion of Old Weston Road from the City of Toronto; a process that is currently underway and that will be complete before GO finishes construction of the grade separation.

Both Monarch Road and the section of Old Weston Road, between Junction Road and the Canadian Pacific Railway corridor situated 169m south of Junction Road are unimproved public highways. With the exception of the West Toronto Pumping Station that has a driveway over a portion of Old Weston Road, neither this section of Old Weston Road or Monarch Road provides vehicle access to any other public street or adjoining property. These temporary road closings have no impact on the local road network since both roads are undeveloped and provide access only to the West Toronto Pumping Station.

Attachment No. 2 shows this section of Old Weston Road and Monarch Road.  
Attachment No. 3 provides a photograph of Old Weston Road, south of Junction Road.

Chapter 937-2 of the Toronto Municipal Code provides the General Manager of Transportation Services with delegated authority to temporarily close public highways for up to 30 days when the road closing is privately initiated, but only when the closing is for the purpose of working on the road. GO advises us that they need to close this section of Old Weston Road and Monarch Road to accommodate construction of the West Toronto Diamond grade separation and for material storage.

While GO expects that construction may take as long as four years, this appears unlikely; regardless, to protect for any unexpected contingencies, GO requests Etobicoke York Community Council's approval to temporarily close these roads for a period of four years starting October 1, 2008 and ending not later than October 1, 2012.

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## **SIGNATURE**

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## **ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment No. 1 - Site Plan  
Attachment No. 2 - Location Map  
Attachment No. 3 - Photograph